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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Malcolm A. LECOMPTE et al.

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• FOR: DIRECT BROADCAST IMAGING SATELLITE SYSTEM APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING REAL-TIME, CONTINUOUS MONITORING OF EARTH FROM GEOSTATIONARY EARTH ORBIT AND RELATED SERVICES

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- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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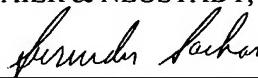
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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